

**Milford Conservation Commission****Meeting Minutes August 13, 2015****BOS Meeting Room**

**Present:** Members - Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Hub Seward, Janet Urquhart. Excused: Andy Hughes, Andy Seale, and Kim Rimalover. Alternates – Rodney Dellafelice, Eric Radloff, and Chris Costantino. Excused: Greg Boggis.

**Approval of July 9 Meeting Minutes** : approved unanimously on a motion by EricR, seconded by RodneyD

**Appointments** : none

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike	<u>July 25<sup>th</sup></u> – 10 hikers and one dog. Good time had by all. Several hikers had never been to Rotch before <u>August 22</u> – Hitchiner (Andy Hughes will lead)	
2. NRI and Grant discussion	Yvonne Beran will be working on the NRI. The members reviewed a sample outline produced by the UNH Cooperative Extension Service. This will be a good document to guide Yvonne.	ChrisC to post grant ideas table and sample NRI outline in dropbox
3. Open Space Conservation Ordinance Review	AudreyF, KimR and ChrisC have been meeting with the Planning Board subcommittee to finalize updates to the OSCD overlay. It will be presented in early fall to the full PB for comment.	ChrisC will send draft OSCD overlay to members for review and comment
4. Water levels at Rail Trail – site walk July 23.	Several members of the commission and the public attended the site walk to assess heights of the BDs (beaver devices). The BDs will remain at current heights to see how the system adapts to rain and winter precip'n. pressures	
5. Donation	Anne Burke donated \$100 to the commission. It was an undesignated gift so the members decided to put it into the rail trail fund.	ChrisC will write a memo to the BOS to accept the donation
6. Pipeline letter discussion	The members decided to not submit an additional letter to the FERC comment library for the North East Direct pipeline project. They have signed the ROST letter and AndyH was the commission rep to the Milford Task Force which sent a letter to the FERC; both of which state the opposition to the project. AudreyF recused herself from the discussion.	
7. Brox Purchase and Sale	93 acres of the Brox Industrial/Commercial lands are under agreement with the Monadnock Economic Development Corporation. They plan to sell these acres to Stoneyard Inc. The commission should generate a list of questions of our concerns about environmental pressures from this user on this portion of Brox.	
8. Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce Expo 2015	Is scheduled for November 7. This is the same date as the annual conference. None of the members present could commit to attend. HubS will check his schedule.	ChrisC will contact KimR, the Andys and Brian Hawkins to see if any of them would be willing to work the booth.
9. P&P – Membership chapter	The membership chapter was accepted with a few changes.	ChrisC will post the next chapter for review.- Meetings.

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10. Backyard Neighbor letter review for Rotch and Tucker Brook TFs	The members reviewed the letter and made alterations. The letters will be unique to the town forest as there are different restrictions on each forest.	ChrisC will check for horse restrictions at Rotch TF. Distribute an updated draft for next month's meeting
11. Trails Committee	Rail trail bridge railing at DPW trailhead repaired  Walked the Souhegan River Trail East with Sean Trombly. Trail access will be along the farm road. Sean will not hold us to the 50' along the river bank. The trail stewards hope to have the trail ready for the Pumpkin Festival so that the public can walk from the Oval to the Punkin Chunkin event at Trombly Gardens. Signs will be made for public awareness that this is a working farm and to respect the farmer's produce.	
12. Future Work Session Date	Work session scheduled for August 27 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Work on the beaver policy.	ChrisC to post the beaver policy in dropbox and send to members via email. The pathway is dropbox>concomm>beaver>beaver policy work>merged Kim and Andy doc.

**End televised portion of the meeting**

1. NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Land Acquisition	Unanimous vote to keep the record of the discussion sealed	
2. Interdepartmental Review	Salt Creek 43-20 lot line adjustment comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drainage from the road is directed into 43-76 and runoff management seems inadequate</li><li>• Plan is unclear what the lot line adjustments are</li></ul>	
3. Budget for 2016	Work sheet is due by August 21. AudreyF recommends that we keep numbers the same as the 2015 budget. No further comment from the members.	

**Next Regular Meeting – September 10, 2015 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.**

**Meeting schedule for 2015:** Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 7, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10.